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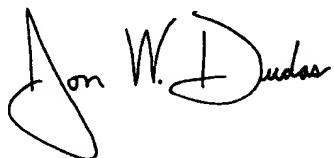
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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Title page, Item [54] and Column 1, lines 1-3,  
Title, "IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND RECORDING MEDIUM" should read -- IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND RECORDING MEDIUM --.

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